THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Overseas Indian Affairs is considering a proposal for setting up of a PIO University.

Illegal B.Ed institutions in West Bengal

2472. SHRI MUKUL ROY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Hon'ble High Court at Kolkata has ordered that the newly set up private B.Ed. institutions, in West Bengal, were being run illegally without having proper affiliation from the NCTE and as a result thereof the future of a few thousand students has become uncertain;

(b) who is responsible for playing with the future of so many students; and

(c) What remedial steps are being taken by the Central Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) The Government's attention has been drawn to the fact of a number of unrecognized teacher education institutions functioning in West Bengal. Remedial action can only be through legal means as the NCTE is statutory organization.

UGC's Part Time Research Associateship for Women

2473. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the associateship and contingency amount under the UGC's Scheme of Part-Time Research Associateship for Women for the year 1998-99 (Ninth Plan period), which ended in March, 2004, were revised w.e.f. April, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of such revision of associateship and contingency amount; and

(c) whether grant-in-aid for the payment or arrears in view of revision of rates, has been released by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (d) Do not arise.

Women employed in education sector

†2474. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of employment of women in the schools in rural and urban areas in the field of education;

(b) whether the said rate is low in rural areas; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Education being a concurrent subject, school education and hence appointment of teachers and other employees in schools are primarily in the domain of the respective State Governments. As per the Selected Educational Statistics 2003-04 compiled by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (with reference date 30.9.2003), total number of women teachers in the country at different levels of schools is 2259916, which is 39.6% of total number of school teachers in the country. Information regarding employment rate of women in schools separately for rural and urban areas is not centrally maintained.

Identification of minority educational institutions

2475. SHRI A. VIJAYYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are many applications for identification as "minority educational institutions";

(b) if so, the details including the number of such applications and number of applications disposed, professional college-wise, State-wise, category-wise and year-wise for the last three years; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.